

November 2017

City Council Members:

- Ron Bigelow, Mayor
- Don Christensen, At-Large
- Lars Nordfelt, At-Large
- Tom Huynh, District 1
- Steve Buhler, District 2
- Karen Lang, District 3
- Steve Vincent, District 4

Public Meetings:

City Council - first four Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commission - second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Phone Numbers:

Main Number	801-966-3600
Police Dispatch	801-840-4000
Fire Department	801-963-3336
Emergency	911
Fitness Center	801-955-4000
Garbage	801-955-3720
Storm Water Utility	801-963-3334
Code Enforcement	801-963-3289

Website: www.wvc-ut.gov

City Hall Address: West Valley City Hall 3600 S. Constitution Blvd. WVC, UT 84119

City Hall Hours: Monday – Thursday 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.











Snow Season is Coming!



As temperatures drop and Fall finally makes it's way to the Wasatch Front, many residents are beginning to work on fall yard cleanup projects. Your West Valley City Sanitation team makes it easy by offering several cleanup services in addition to regular garbage and recycling pickup.

Fall Leaf Collection Program

West Valley City will collect bagged leaves from the curb on regularly scheduled bulky waste collection days. Leaves must be placed in a plastic bag with the top sealed to prevent the wind from blowing them around.

Bulky Waste Collection Program

Bulky waste is picked up once a month, as scheduled through the West Valley City Sanitation Division. In order to utilize this service, residents must adhere to rules and regulations for removal:

- 1. Bundle branches and limbs together. Limbs must be no larger than 4 inches in diameter; bundles can be no longer than 4 feet long by 18 inches in diameter and must weigh less than 75 lbs. Loose branches, limbs, and leaves will not be collected if not bagged.
- 2. Place waste on the curb no later than 7 AM on your scheduled day.
- 3. Waste may not be placed on the curb more than 1-2 days prior to your collection date.
- 4. Vehicles may not park within 15 feet of bulky waste pick up "Leaves" Continued on Page 3...

Bark Post: A Monthly Column

By Amalee, Community Watchdog



Helping Animals Like Me

Last month I took a little vacation from my column because I went with my human parents to Best Friends Animal Society's sanctuary in Kanab, Utah, where they met volunteering seven years ago. Although I had to be in doggie daycare while my parents volunteered at the sanctuary on Labor Day weekend, I got to visit it too, along with Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park. I'm including a photo of me and my rescue mom. (Don't tell anyone, but she helps me write this column!)

At Best Friends, my parents worked with two of the three remaining Vicktory dogs rescued from Michael Vick's dog fighting ring. Although Maya and Curly have been safe at Best Friends for ten years now, they are still pretty scared of humans. As I thought of them, and the many animals who were hurt by hurricanes this season, I felt lucky I was rescued from the shelter, along with my adopted brother Beckham, who is also a Pitbull. (I'm half Pitbull, half Weiner dog-what can I say-dad was an ambitious Dachshund!) My human parents celebrate my "Gotcha Day" every September 24th by making it the official "birthday" of me and Beckham. This year we got new toys, treats, and visits from loved ones! While I was having fun and adventures in September, my rescue Dad's family in Florida had to evacuate with their cats and dog while they waited out Hurricane Irma. Luckily they are home safely now. I want to share ways you can help organizations like Best Friends help animals like me, whether they've been abused, abandoned, or victims of disasters.

- 1. If you'd like to learn more about Best Friends' efforts with the Vicktory Dogs and how you can help, check out: https://bestfriends.org/ sanctuary/explore-sanctuary/dogtown/vicktorydogs
- 2. Another great organization to help end dogfighting is Stand Up for Pits: https:// standupforpits.us/
- 3. If you want to help with Best Friends' Hurricane Relief efforts, go to: https://bestfriends.org/ hurricane-irma
- 4. You can donate to the Humane Society of the United States' Disaster Relief Fund at http:// www.humanesociety.org
- 5. Shelters and non-profit animal rescue groups across our State have taken in animals from the hurricane and helped place many of them at No Kill Utah's Super Adoption event. To help NKUT, see http://nkut.org/
- 6. Support your local shelter as a volunteer, by having a fundraiser, or procuring items from their wish list. West Valley City Animal Services was among those who took in animals from recent hurricanes. Follow the Facebook page: https:// www.facebook.com/WVCAnimalServices/

Folks in Utah are known for pitching in to help a stranger. Right now there are a lot of strangers who need us, many of them with four legs and fur like me and my adopted brother Beckham. Please do what you can to help, even if you just send them your prayers.

Thanks for listening, Amalee

> **Municipal General Election** November 7, 2017 www.wvc-ut.gov/elections



West Valley City Youth City Council

By Leslie Hudson, Youth City Council Advisor

Did you know that West Valley City has an awesome Youth City Council? These outstanding high school students are selected for membership in Youth City Council based upon their interest in leadership, their desire to learn more about and experience local government firsthand, and to become involved in their communities.

To help develop leadership skills, our West Valley City Youth City Council is modeled after the actual City Council, with an elected Mayor, Vice Mayor, District Representatives, Recorder and City Manager. All of the activities are planned and carried out by the members themselves. Numerous community service and fundraising activities are already in progress. We are also beginning to make plans to prepare a resolution presentation relating to an issue that concerns high school students here in West Valley that we will present to the City Council.

Involvement in Youth City Council provides an opportunity for high school students to become more involved with their community. It's an opportunity to connect with students from other high schools in the city, and it's a huge plus on a college resume, scholarship or job application.

In order to apply for membership, students must currently be in 9th through 12th grade and either attend a West Valley City high school or live in West Valley City. Interested students may fill out the application found at www.wvc-ut.gov/ycc and send it to Leslie Hudson in the Neighborhood Services office. Once your application is received, you'll be contacted in order to discuss your interest in the group and your particular qualifications for membership.

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Keep your leaves and grass clippings out of storm drains!

Anything that's lying on pavement is more easily washed by stormwater down storm drains. There are a few simple steps you can take as your work on your fall cleanup that can help us maintain a healthy stormwater system.

When you've finished lawn maintenance, sweep any lawn chemicals or yard debris from the sidewalk and driveway back onto the lawn to prevent them from washing into stormdrains. Even grass clippings and excess leaves don't belong in our streams and rivers.

Leaf Disposal Alternatives:

Mowing - Mow a light covering of leaves and leave them on the lawn. **Mulching** - Mulching is a simple and effective way to recycle leaves and improve your landscape.

Soil Improvement - Leaves may be collected and tilled into heavy, clay soil, improving aeration and drainage.

Composting - Composting is a useful and environmentally sound gardening practice.

For more information about leaf collection and bulky waste, call 801-963-3334 or visit www.wvc-ut.gov/bulkywaste.

Upcoming Events

November

- 1 Meet with Mayor Ron Bigelow City Hall, 4:30 - 6 PM
- 6 Officer Cody Brotherson Memorial Ceremony 6 PM, Fairbourne Station
- 7 Municipal General Election
- 8 WVC Watch Wednesday: See Something, Say Something; Stow It, Don't Show It City Hall, 6 PM
- 9 Professional Standards Review Board Meeting (Citizens' Review Board) City Hall, 9 AM
- 9 Safety Merit Badge Class Registration required; email meritbadges@wvc-ut.gov to register. Fire Station 74, 6 - 8 PM
- 11 Veterans Day Program Cultural Celebration Center, 6 PM
- 16 Fire Safety Merit Badge Class Registration required; email meritbadges@wvc-ut.gov to register. Fire Station 74, 6 - 8 PM
- 18 Ugly Sweater Dash 5K & Opening of Mountainview Corridor (5400 to 4100 South) 10 AM (Call 801-955-4000 for details)
- 23 Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed

December

- 4 Christmas Tree Lighting & Walk With Santa Family Fitness Center, 6:30 PM
- 9 Breakfast with Santa Registration required; call 801-955-4000 to register. Family Fitness Center, 9 AM
- 13 Meet with Mayor Ron Bigelow City Hall, 4:30 - 6 PM
- 13 Stories & S'mories Fairbourne Station, 6 PM
- 14 Professional Standards Review Board Meeting (Citizens' Review Board) City Hall, 9 AM
- 16 Breakfast with Santa Registration required; call 801-955-4000 to register. Family Fitness Center, 9 AM
- 25 Christmas Day City Offices Closed (through December 26)

Harman Senior Recreation Center Calendar: www.wvc-ut.gov/harman